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SEP 20 [REDACTED] SEP 21 CITE SANTIAGO [REDACTED]

HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1. APPRECIATE REF REASONING ON SEPARATING STATION ACTIVITIES FROM THOSE OF AMBASSADOR BUT FACTS OF SITUATION WERE NO LONGER ADAPTABLE TO THAT SCENARIO. AS SHOWN BELOW, AMBASSADOR FAR OUT AHEAD OF HIS [REDACTED] MANDATE AND HAS, PERFORCE, NOT ONLY KEPT STATION (AND HEADQUARTERS) ABREAST OF HIS ACTIVITIES BUT HAS ASKED FOR SPECIFIC STATION SUPPORT AND ADVICE. WE HAVE REFUSED NEITHER. TO DO SO WOULD BE UNREALISTIC IN TERMS STATION RELATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AND FACT THAT REFUSAL WOULD IMMEDIATELY AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS AS TO TRUE [REDACTED] POSITION.

2. MUCH TIME OBVIOUSLY HAS TO BE SPENT ON GUIDING AND DEBRIEFING AMBASSADOR WHO FORGING AHEAD. COS TOLD HIM 21 SEP THAT SOME CONCERN HAD BEEN EXPRESSED THAT STA MAY BE GOADING HIM INTO ACTIONS NOT COVERED BY [REDACTED] MANDATE (WHICH--COS EMPHASIZED--ALSO FINDS STATION ACTIVITIES). HE PROFESSED HIMSELF RESIGNEDLY UNCONCERNED THOUGH AWARE

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THAT DEP STATE LOOKING ASKANCE AT HIS FORAYS INTO POL
ACTION.

3. BELIEVE (BUT CANNOT PROVE) THAT AMB AND DCOM
SMLAUDEMAN BY NOW MAY SUSPECT THAT LIAISON ACTING AND
COUNSELLING WITH MORE FREEDOM FROM RESTRAINT THAN STRICT
INTERPRETATION OF LETTER OF [REDACTED] MANDATE. WOULD SEEM TO
WARRANT. THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], THEY GENERALLY AWARE
OF [REDACTED] (REFLECTING [REDACTED] REACTIONS IN AFTER-
MATH OF 4 SEPT ELECTIONS AND, OF COURSE, FULLY CONVERSANT
WITH DEPSTATE POSITION.

4. DCOM FRANK IS ADMITTING HE DEPRECATES CURRENT
INTERVENTIONIST MOVES BY AMBASSADOR DESIGNED TO FORCLOUSE
ALLENDE'S ELECTION BY CONGRESS, CONSIDERING THEM BOTH
FUTILE AND POTENTIALLY PREJUDICIAL TO ANY LATER

ATTEMPTS AT UNSEATING ALLENDE. DOES NOT CONSIDER ALLENDE'S
ELECTION IRREVERSIBLE AND UNCONVINCED THAT, ONCE IN POWER,
ANY PROSPECT OF ARMED FORCES INTERVENTION CAN IPSSO FACTO
BE DISCARDED. BELIEVES, THEREFORE, U.S.C. SHOULD KEEP ITS
POWDER DRY UNTIL AFTER ALLENDE IS IN OFFICE. THERE MANY
NUANCES TO THIS POSITION TO WHICH ABOVE SUMMATION DOES

[REDACTED]

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~~SCANT JUSTICE. AS HQS WILL RECALL, DCOM WAS HAWK AND~~
STATION'S MAINSTAY DURING PHASE I/ MEMORIES OF SANTO
DOMINGO ARE LINGERING AND DCOM MAY SURMISE THAT PRESENT
AMBASSADORIAL MOVES WITH OSSA, ET.AL., COULD BECOME PRELUDE
TO SOMETHING MORE DRASTIC.

5. IN BRIEFING DCOM, WE HAVE STRESSED AS CONCEPT
UNDERLYING OUR ACTIVITIES, STATION'S FIRM CONVICTION THAT
ALLENDE VICTORY WOULD BE IRREVERSIBLE, WITH EXCEEDINGLY
LIMITED SCOPE FOR POLITICAL ACTION LATER ON. WITHIN BOUNDS
OF PRUDENT REGARD FOR PRINCIPLES OF OP SECURITY AND MINDFUL
OF DAMAGE WHICH OVEREXTENSION AND HIGH SILHOUETTE COULD
CAUSE, STA EXPLORING ALL AVENUES OF APPROACH TO STIMULATING
PREVENTIVE POLITICAL ACTION BY CHILEAN CIVILIANS AND MILITARY.
IN TALKS WITH AMB AND DCOM, STATION DOES, THEREFORE, NOT
PRETEND THAT IT WOULD BE REPELLED BY MILITARY SOLUTION ONCE
ALL PARLIAMENTARY EXPEDIENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND WANTING. FACT
THAT FREI NOW CLEARLY ON RECORD AS FAVORING MILITARY SOLUTION,
SUPPORTS AMBASSADOR'S MORE INTERVENTIONIST POSTURE.

6. IN EXISTING OPERATIONAL AMBIENT, IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY
BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR STATION TO PREACH DISENGAGEMENT; THIS

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~~WOULD FOOL NEITHER AME NOR DOOM AND MIGHT REINFORCE THEIR~~
LATENT SUSPICIONS THAT WE MAY BE VENTURESOME BECAUSE
SOMEONE TOLD US TO BE. THEREFORE, STATION FAVORS LEAVING
WELL ENOUGH ALONE AND NOT TRY TO UNSCRAMBLE AN EGG ALREADY
BROKEN AND IN THE PAN.

7. AS REGARDS [REDACTED] MISSION, WE HOPE IT WILL
PROSPER AND ENTAIL NONE OF THE ILL-EFFECTS WHICH LED STATION
TO EXPRESS DOUBTS. [REDACTED]

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